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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE RE CUBAN EXILE
ACTIVITIES

1. ON OCTOBER 12 GCOB AUTHORITIES DETAINED AND SUBSEQUENTLY CHARGED AND FINED SEVEN CUBAN PAROLEES ABOARD FLORIDA REGISTERED VESSEL, ON BOARD WHICH WERE WEAPONS INCLUDING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION, FORGED DOCUMENTS, AND UNIFORMS. GIVEN ABSENCE OF ANY OTHER LAWS, THE SEVEN CUBAN PAROLEES WERE CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF WEAPONS AND FINED \$500 EACH. THEIR BOAT REMAINS IN GCOB HANDS AND CONFISCATION IS BEING CONSIDERED.

2. IN WAKE OF THIS INCIDENT, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS REQUESTED COPIES OF ANY US LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS WHICH PROHIBIT THE USE OF US TERRITORY AS A BASE FROM WHICH TO INVADE A FOREIGN COUNTRY. GCOB'S DESIRE IS TO HAVE LAWS AND REGULATIONS TAILORED DIRECTLY TO THE SITUATION SUCH AS DESCRIBED ABOVE SO THAT FINES AND OTHER PUNISHMENTS CAN REFLECT THEIR DETERMINATION EFFECTIVELY TO DISCOURAGE SUCH ACTIVITIES AND PROVIDE THE MEANS TO DO SO.

3. SINCE US AND GCOB CONCERNS IN THIS AREA CLEARLY ARE MUTUAL,
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DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN MEETING THIS REQUEST WOULD BE VERY

MUCH APPRECIATED. GCOB FEARS THE OCTOBER 12 INCIDENT MAY BE THE BEGINNING OF A REVIVAL OF THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY AND IT WANTS TO BE PREPARED TO MEET IT.

4. FYI: CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN GCOB AND US LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WHICH WE HAVE REPORTED ON IN OTHER AREAS OF MUTUAL CONCERN ALSO WAS A FEATURE OF THIS RECENT CASE. PAROLEES RETURNED TO U.S. OCTOBER 23 AFTER PAYMENT OF FINES. CONSULAR FEATURES OF THIS CASE BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY.
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